

Easterling, Deborah

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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2011 12:48 PM
To: 'Steven Dillon'
Subject: RE: Letter Of Protest Form

Dear Mr. Dillon:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to our PSC Website Comments.

I am forwarding your email to our Clerk's Office for handling. Your email will become a part of Docket No. 2011-47-WS and will be posted on our website under this Docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling

From: Steven Dillon [<mailto:steven.dillon@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Saturday, May 14, 2011 10:52 AM
To: Contact
Subject: Letter Of Protest Form

Hello,
Please find my letter of protest attached.

Regards,

Steven

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* Required Fields

Date: * May 16, 2011

Letter of Protest
in Docket * 2011 - 47 - WS

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Email

Protestant Information:

Name * Steven Dillon

Mailing Address * PO Box 5095

City, State Zip * Aiken, SC 29804 Phone * 803-295-8582

E-mail

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

We are customers of this company.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

The proposed rate change represents more than an 80% increase in the cost of our water. I don't believe that sufficient justification for that type of an expense on the customer base here in Aiken, SC can be found. According to the company's statement, the majority of their "investment costs" have been to Waster Water Treatment Plants and similar facilities. The company does not provide sewage service to us so how can they contend that the raise in our cost is to cover something that we do not utilize? If they need to increase the cost to their customers, why not pass the majority of those bills on to the folks that get the benefit from it? I know the cost of everything is on the rise and that they have not been granted a rate increase in a while. That's fine. I don't have a problem with an increase in my cost - AS LONG AS IT IS REASONABLE! I do NOT believe that an 80% increase is reasonable or justified. If they came to me with a request for a 10% increase, I wouldn't have said a thing. But, this has caused me to take a position against them and this action. It isn't fair and it should not be allowed.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding , if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? *
(This section should be completed.)

If it was being held at a time and place that I could attend, yes. However, it is scheduled to be in Columbia, SC in the morning during the work week. That all but assures the working man will not be able to attend.